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Big data project gets big welcome in Mass.

New center will look at analyzing massive amounts of data • MIT beats out dozens to host Intel facility • Expanding use of social networks, smartphones leave industry 'awash' in data

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▶ Gov. Deval Patrick, left, joined Massachusetts Institute of Technology President Susan Hockfield to announce the Massachusetts Big Data Initiative at MIT yesterday.

Continuing an effort to propel Massachusetts as an innovation and technology leader, Gov. Deval Patrick announced yesterday an initiative to support the collection and analysis of "big data."

The creation of the Massachusetts Big Data Initiative coincides with the launch of a new Intel-backed center for big data at MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory.

Collecting and analyzing big data has the potential to create better products and services and solve societal problems, those in the technology sector said.

Big data research at the new MIT lab will focus on finance, medicine, social media and security.

Sam Madden, the director of MIT's new big data initiative said big data recently helped create a route-mapping program after data was collected from cars and drivers' smartphones as they navigated Cambridge streets and measured potholes.

Madden said he was excited by the new attention to the field because he's seen many MIT students leave Boston for the West Coast to work for startup and other technology firms. He hoped the center would keep students here to innovate rather than go west.

"Big data requires a new generation of technology."
DANIELA RUS, DIRECTOR OF CSAIL

"Big data requires a new generation of technology," said Daniela Rus, the director of CSAIL. "It will have a huge impact in all aspects of our economy."

A report released this year by the Mass Technology Leadership Council said the world is "drowning in digital data," which presents a major market opportunity for the state.

Growth in big data sectors could add 50,000 jobs to the state by 2018, according to the report.

Intel is backing its new big data center at MIT with a promise of $2.5 million annually for the next five years. Patrick said that the state's initiative would include a grant program devoted to big data and a big data internship program.

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What is big data?

- Those in the technology sector refer to big data as a "burgeoning" field and MIT President Susan Hockfield called it "one of the hottest new crazes."
- Big data is data collections that are too big, growing too fast or are too complex for existing information technology systems to handle.
- The data is generated by businesses and consumers from the proliferation of social networks, smartphones, online financial transactions, etc.
- A recent report in The Economist said that people stored enough data last year to fill 60,000 Libraries of Congress.

Quoted

"It's not like Tom Hanks in 'Castaway.' It's not like I'm playing some dramatic role or something. I'm pretty much being me. It was fun."

-PATRIOTS QUARTERBACK TOM BRADY TALKING ABOUT HIS RECENT "FUNNY OR DIE" VIDEO YESTERDAY ON WEEI RADIO.

Today's local tweet

"High schoolers: it's generally a bad idea to grind your pot and roll a blunt while sitting on the #mbta #Useyourhead"

@MAI_KATE_RAI HOPING TO TALK SOME SENSE INTO YOUNG T RIDERS.

Report: Beaches in Hull, Boston among cleanest

MASSACHUSETTS. A new report has ranked the cleanest beaches in Greater Boston and they can be found in Hull and Southie.

Nantasket Beach was rated as the cleanest in the report by Save the Harbor/Save the Bay. South Boston beaches at M Street and City Point were close behind, followed by Carson and Pleasure Bay.

The report used water testing data from 2011 and the accuracy of the flag system that notifies swimmers if it is safe to go in the water.

Tenean Beach in Dorchester, Short Beach in Revere and King's Beach in Lynn ranked at the bottom of the list of 18 state-run beaches in the Boston area.

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▶ Southie beaches are best

New Bulger docs show he snitched early on

BOSTON. New documents about alleged fugitive mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger reveal that he started ratting on fellow thieves early in his criminal career.

The FBI documents were obtained by two former Globe reporters writing a biography on Bulger and were reported by WBUR yesterday.

According to the documents, Bulger gave up the names of his accomplices in a 1956 bank robbery, well before it was ever revealed that the alleged ruthless murderer was an informant for the FBI in later crimes.

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MBTA makes more ridership records in April

Has it felt a little more crowded lately during your bus or train ride?

If it has, it's because the MBTA ridership has continued to grow.

April ridership numbers released yesterday showed that average weekday ridership grew for the 15th consecutive month, making it the longest such streak in MBTA history.

Average weekday ridership last month increased 4.4 percent over April 2011 and reached 1.371 million passenger trips.

Bus ridership also set a record last month when it reached 401,000 weekday passenger trips. It means average weekday bus ridership topped 400,000 in consecutive months for the first time ever.

T officials credited technology improvements for the increase.

"We're absolutely convinced that the widespread availability of real time bus data is making public transit a more convenient option for commuters," said Acting MBTA General Manager Jonathan Davis. "More than 100,000 smart-phone users have downloaded apps that provide arrival time information for more than 180 MBTA bus routes."

Davis, in a statement, also credited the state's continued economic growth and improved employment numbers.

Ridership on the T's other modes of transportation also increased: Green Line up 8.2 percent over last April; Red, Orange and Blue lines up 3.8 percent; and Commuter Boat up by about 12 percent.

By the numbers

T riders by average weekday passenger trips in April:

- 130,400 Commuter Rail
- 401,200 Bus
- 548,800 Blue, Orange, Red lines
- 262,000 Green Line
- 4,800 Commuter Boat

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▶ Bus ridership set a record last month.

RIDE sets record, too

Door-to-door trips on the T's fleet of lift-equipped vans that transport disabled and elderly people also set a record.

Average weekday passenger trips on THE RIDE reached 8,600 last month, a number that was reached only one other month since January 2010.

Earlier this month, a group of disabled RIDE users blocked traffic in front of the State House during a protest of fare increases. T officials have said THE RIDE is an extreme drain on funds and resources as the population ages. METRO/MN

Keep your eyes peeled for potato

QUINCY. If you happen to spot a giant potato at BJ's Wholesale Club in Quincy today, your "eyes" are not deceiving you.
Weighing in at 6 tons, the Great Big Idaho Potato will greet fans and help raise funds and awareness for Meals On Wheels Association of America.
It will be on display from 1-3 p.m. at 200 Crown Colony Drive. METRO

Police officially ID Southie victims

BOSTON. Police yesterday officially identified a pair found dead in a South Boston apartment.
Police said they are investigating the deaths of Richard Hallahan, 70, and Diane Bourglas, 54, as a double homicide.
The two were found stabbed at 4 Linskey Barry Court when fire crews responded to a fire there just after 3 a.m. Sunday.
Anyone with information can call 617-343-4470.
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Gov. Patrick endorses Warren

BOSTON. Gov. Deval Patrick endorsed consumer advocate Elizabeth Warren for U.S. Senate yesterday in a primary contest likely to feature two women vying to challenge U.S. Sen. Scott Brown.
In an e-mail to supporters through his campaign, Patrick said Democrats are "lucky to have two strong candidates," calling both Warren and immigration attorney Marisa DeFranco "compelling people with a strong message."
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Facebook's fall betrays tech industry optimism

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▶ Facebook officers Joanna Shields, Jonathan Labin and Christian Hernandez discuss the company's expansion into the Middle East and North African market.

Facebook Inc.'s stock, which has already lost $25 billion in value since its public debut, would have to drop another 20 percent for its valuation to match other companies that do business over the Internet.

Facebook, with a market capitalization of $79.1 billion, is trading at 29.5 times the company's projected 2014 profit of $2.69 billion, data compiled by Bloomberg show. The stock would have to dive to $23.07 to match the average price-to-earnings ratio for the Nasdaq Internet Index based on estimated earnings in the next 12 months, according to the data.

Investors have pummeled shares of Facebook since its initial public offering, citing concern over growth prospects for the largest social-networking service. Shareholders filed lawsuits that said the company and its underwriters overpriced Facebook at $38 a share. The IPO gave Facebook a higher multiple than 99 percent of the Standard Poor's 500 Index.

81

Based on a trailing earnings of $974 million, Facebook trades at a price-to-earnings multiple of 81 times. The Nasdaq Internet Index, whose members include Amazon, Google, eBay and Yahoo!, has a ratio of 35.4 times profit in the past year and 23.5 times projected earnings.

"It could fall quite significantly, because it was priced at a significant premium," Sameet Sinha, an analyst at B. Riley & Co., said in a telephone interview yesterday. "Such stocks — when they go out of favor — tend to fall before stabilizing."

Facebook, based in Menlo Park, Calif., makes most of its revenue from advertising targeted to members who access the site on computers. The company didn't introduce a service for ads aimed at mobile users until March.

"We do not currently directly generate any meaningful revenue from the use of Facebook mobile products, and our ability to do so successfully is unproven," the company said in a regulatory filing earlier this month. **BLOOMBERG**

Zuckerberg booted from richest list

▶ Oh, Zuck!

Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook's co-founder and chief executive officer, is no longer one of the world's 40 richest people. The 28-year-old's fortune fell to $14.7 billion yesterday from $16.2 billion on May 25, as shares of the world's largest social-networking company dropped 9.6 percent. They slipped another 2.3 percent yesterday, cutting Zuckerberg's net worth to $14.4 billion. **BLOOMBERG**

Contracts near record for IPOs

Investors flocked to the options market to protect shares of Facebook from more losses, making contracts on the social network website the most popular among the biggest initial public offerings in the last decade.

A total of 202,938 puts to sell the company and 162,482 calls to buy changed hands yesterday as the contracts traded for the first time, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The total of 365,420 compares with 65,213 traded after GM's IPO and 22,736 for Google Inc. in 2004, then the biggest Internet offering ever. **BLOOMBERG**

In a disaster? Text, don't call, US official says

WASHINGTON. It is better to send text messages than to call when natural disasters strike and networks get congested, a senior U.S. official said yesterday, also urging people to add battery-powered cell phone chargers to their storm emergency kits.

Craig Fugate, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, told reporters that forecasts for a "normal" Atlantic hurricane season should not keep those in potentially affected areas from getting ready for storms that could make landfall.

The U.S. government is working to extend its public alert warning system beyond radio and television to mobile networks, Fugate said, noting that most new and upgraded cell phones have the capacity to receive such emergency notices. **REUTERS**

How do you spell 'precocious?'

WASHINGTON. A 6-year-old girl became the youngest participant ever to compete in the preliminary round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee yesterday, getting off to a successful start by spelling "dirigible." Lori Anne Madison, 6, of Woodbridge, Va., is the youngest contestant to qualify for the spelling bee, according to the Scripps website. She is among 278 competitors. **REUTERS**

Should UN have control of Web?

WASHINGTON. U.S. lawmakers will delve today into an international debate on whether to hand more control of the Internet to the United Nations, a move many fear would turn it into a political bargaining chip for censorship and global taxes on Web companies. **REUTERS**

Call for apology as Obama says death camps were Polish

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▶ The White House "regrets" President Obama's reference to "Polish death camp."

President Barack Obama has caused an outcry in Poland after inadvertently describing a Nazi death camp as 'Polish'.

Leading Polish political figures have demanded an apology, saying the death camps were on Polish soil — but that it was under the control of the German army during World War II.

The White House yesterday said the president 'misspoke' and regretted the comment, but while the Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk stopped short of calling for an apology, he said he wanted to see a stronger expression of regret.

"The White House will apologize for the outrageous mistake."
RADOSLAW SIKORSKI, POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER

"I am convinced today that our American friends are capable of a stronger reaction than just the correction itself and the regret which we heard from the White House spokesman," Tusk said in a statement.

Obama made the misstep during a ceremony to posthumously award a Polish resistance fighter with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

At the ceremony, Obama told of Karski's efforts to draw attention to Nazi war crimes in Poland. He said: "Before one trip across enemy lines, resistance fighters told him that Jews were being murdered on a massive scale, and smuggled him into the Warsaw Ghetto and a Polish death camp to see for himself."

Poland suffered a brutal Nazi wartime regime and deny any responsibility for crimes committed on their soil. METRO

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EU throws Spain two potential lifelines

MADRID. The European Commission threw Spain, the latest frontline in Europe's debt war, two potential lifelines yesterday, offering more time to reduce its budget deficit and direct aid from a euro zone rescue fund to recapitalize distressed banks.

Spanish government borrowing costs lurched higher and the Madrid stock market hit a nine-year low with investors rattled by the parlous state of its banking sector fleeing to the relative haven of German bonds.
REUTERS

Two killed in shooting at Seattle cafe

SEATTLE. Two men were killed and three more people were seriously wounded yesterday in a shooting at a Seattle cafe by a gunman who fled the scene on foot, and people were warned to avoid the area, police said.

Police said via Twitter that of those wounded at Cafe Racer — two men and a woman — one had life-threatening injuries.
REUTERS

UN group urges release of American

NEW YORK. A United Nations group called for the immediate release of a U.S. citizen serving a 22-year prison sentence in Nicaragua for drug trafficking and money laundering, concluding that he was wrongly convicted.

Jason Puracal, 34, was detained by Nicaraguan authorities in November 2010 and found guilty by a trial judge. **REUTERS**

Manson family told to hand over murder tapes

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Taped conversations between Manson family killer Charles "Tex" Watson and a Texas lawyer in 1969 must be given to Los Angeles police investigating the cult's possible involvement in unsolved murders, a judge ruled yesterday.

Detectives are anxious to review some eight hours of discussions between lawyer Bill Boyd, now dead, and Watson recorded after the Charles Manson devotee's arrest for the infamous Tate-LaBianca murders, Los Angeles Police Commander Andrew Smith said.

But the release of the tapes was placed on hold for two weeks following an 11th-hour challenge by Watson's current attorney.
REUTERS

New LSD linked to face-eating attack in Miami

MIAMI. A Miami man fatally shot by police after he refused to stop gnawing on another man's face may have been under the influence of a new form of the 1960s hallucinatory drug LSD, a top police officer said yesterday.

Police are investigating the ghoulish weekend incident involving 31-year-old Rudy Eugene, who was found naked and chewing on the face and neck of his victim on the off-ramp of a bridge in downtown Miami.
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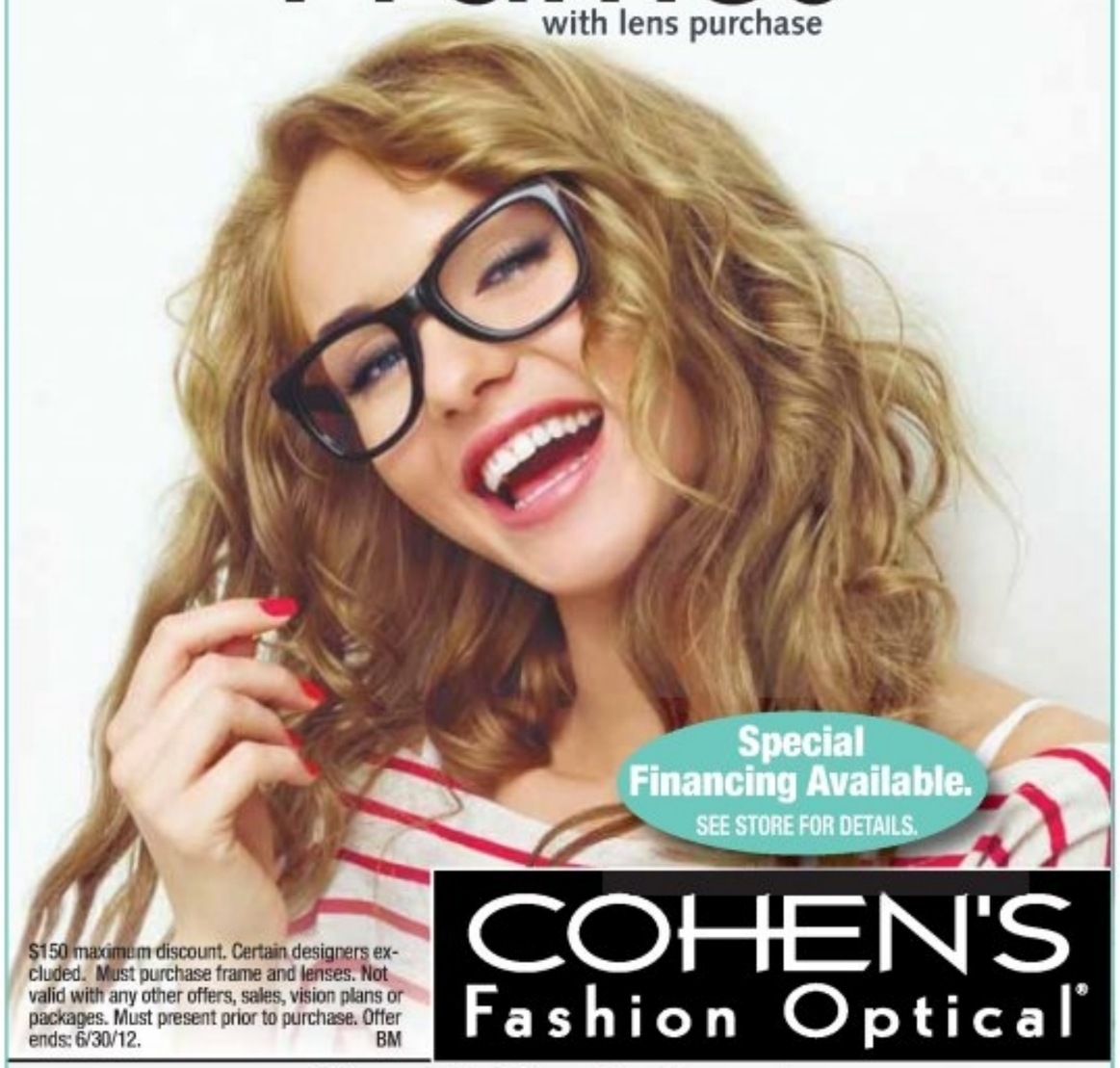

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Trump in spotlight over birther claims

Wacky businessman overshadows Romney moment with conspiracy theory ◗ Candidate denies agreement

Controversy over the "birther" movement hung over a meeting in Las Vegas between Mitt Romney and high-profile supporter Donald Trump, whose comments about President Barack Obama have put the Republican presidential candidate in an awkward spot.

Trump has again raised doubts about whether Obama was born in the United States, an issue that is most passionately pursued by conspiracy theorists and which Romney has tried to avoid as he focuses on attacking the White House's economy record.

"A lot of people are questioning his birth certificate," Trump said on CNBC on Tuesday.

"I've been known as being a very smart guy for a long time. ... There are some major questions here, and the press doesn't want to cover it."

Playing it up?

On a day when real estate and media mogul Donald Trump was trying to help Mitt Romney by stirring up a new round of questions about whether President Barack Obama was born in the United States, Romney's campaign released a copy of his own birth certificate.

Romney has said he believes Obama was born in the United States but he has drawn fire from Democrats for not distancing himself from Trump, who has alleged Obama was born in Kenya and is thus not eligible to be U.S. president.

Romney clinched the Republican nomination on Tuesday night in the Texas primary, where he picked up scores of delegates and reached the target of 1,144 needed.

The Obama campaign took aim at the Romney-Trump pairing by releasing a video "highlighting Mitt Romney's failure to condemn Donald Trump's over-the-line rhetoric."

"If Mitt Romney lacks the backbone to stand up to a charlatan like Donald Trump because he's so concerned about lining his campaign's pockets," the Obama campaign said in a statement, "what does that say about the kind of president he would be?"

"You know, I don't agree with all the people who support me," Romney said in response. REUTERS

▶ Bush

Jeb Bush denies veep report

Former Florida governor Jeb Bush yesterday denied reports he had said he would seriously consider being Mitt Romney's running mate and said he wouldn't accept the nomination as would-be Vice President.

An Italian news agency, Linkiesta, claimed it had interviewed Bush earlier this week, reporting he had said he'd consider the role.

But a spokesman for Bush said yesterday: "Gov. Bush hasn't done an interview with them. The reporter pulled from some old U.S. news reports. I've asked the reporter to adjust his piece so it's clear he's reporting from US News. ... Nothing has changed, Gov. Bush will not be candidate for V.P." METRO

Politics. Spelling

▶ Tweeter @StuckInActive shared the above image of loveable idiot Ralph from the cartoon "The Simpsons."

Mitt Romney: An 'Amercian' hero

The Mitt Romney campaign became the target of online mockery yesterday after its app "With Mitt" — which lets users upload photos of themselves underneath various campaign slogans — was caught misspelling "America." And a new wave of Internet memes was born! METRO

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▶ Coming home

More U.S. military veterans expect to look for work in coming months as they return to civilian life, many after being stationed in Afghanistan, but they are less confident about finding work that suits them, according to a new survey.

The twice-yearly survey, by Monster Worldwide Inc., found fewer than half of veterans consider themselves ready to move into civilian jobs. The number who say they are confident about finding suitable work fell to 29 percent from 44 percent six months ago.

Besides entering a tough U.S. labor market where job gains are barely keeping up with population growth, veterans are also facing more skeptical employers. Monster says part of the problem is a communications gap between veterans and employers, since many hiring managers do not understand what military work entails or what skills carry over to civilian jobs. Ex-military applicants, used to working in teams, don't always know how to sell themselves in an interview or take individual credit for accomplishments.

"When a vet transitions into the civilian community, the burden is going to fall on that veteran to learn the language of the civilian job-hiring community," said T.L. McCreary, president of Military.com.

The company surveyed 900 employers and more than 900 veterans who were transitioning to civilian life.

Some 200,000 service members transition to the civilian workforce each year, according to government data, but that is expected to rise to around 300,000 a year as the Pentagon pulls U.S. troops home from Afghanistan. **REUTERS**

39%

Only 39 percent of employers say veterans or those with prior military experience are prepared for a career change.

Law. WikiLeaks

▶ Supporters of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange rallied to no avail outside of the U.K. Supreme Court in London.

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Court OKs Assange extradition

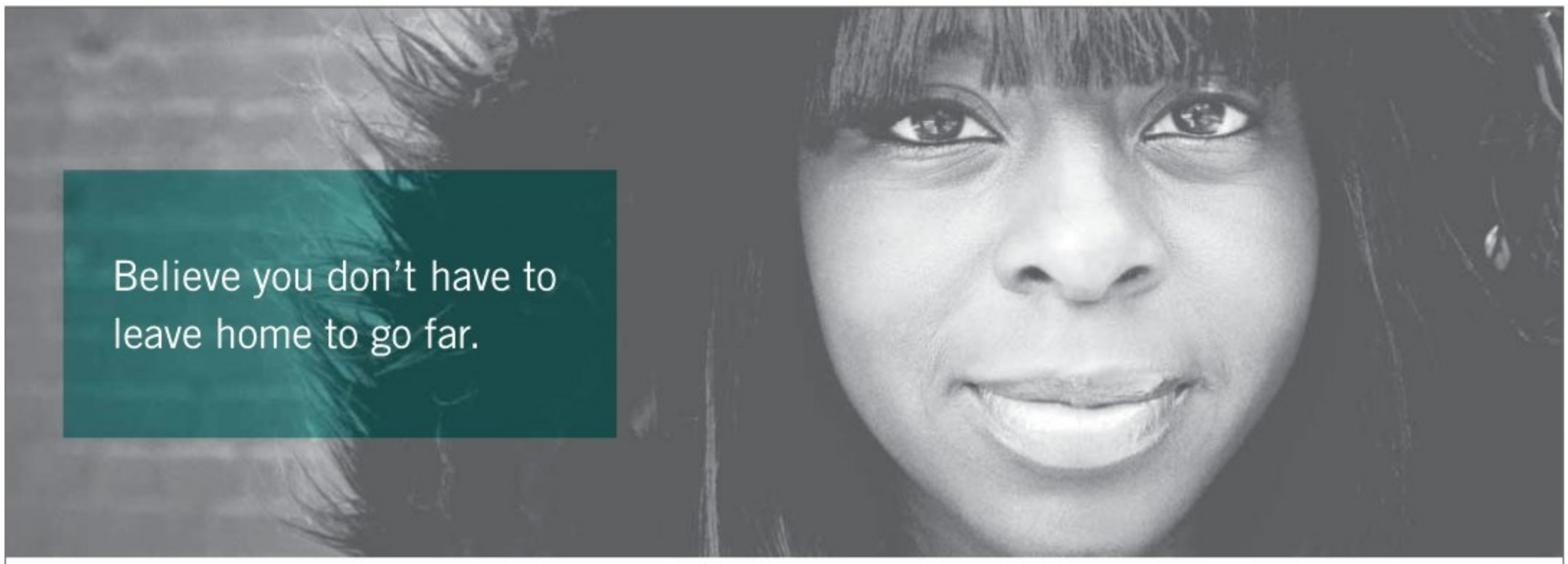
Britain's Supreme Court ruled yesterday that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange can be extradited to Sweden over alleged sex crimes, leaving the Australian with few legal options after an 18-month legal battle. The court gave his lawyers two weeks to contest their ruling. REUTERS

Inspectors say Iran cleaning up suspicious sites

VIENNA. U.N. nuclear inspectors displayed new satellite imagery yesterday indicating that some small buildings had been dismantled and other possible cleanup work was undertaken at an Iranian military site they want to visit.

One image from May 25 showed signs that "ground-scraping activities" had taken place at the Parchin facility, as well as the presence of a bulldozer, according to diplomats who attended a closed-door briefing by U.N. nuclear agency officials.

This will likely further strengthen Western suspicions that Iran is "sanitizing" the site of any incriminating evidence before allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency into the complex. "It is very clear," one Western envoy said. **REUTERS**



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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

Moves like Adam

Adam Levine is a curious creature. Since Maroon 5 started seeping its comfortable radio rock through the airwaves 10 years ago, the seemingly unremarkable frontman and "Voice" judge has dated his way through intellectual A-listers (**Natalie Portman**), fluffy pop princesses (**Jessica Simpson**, circa a very respectable 2006) and Victoria's Secret bombshells (**Anne Vyalitsyna**).

Is he cute and talented in a nonthreatening way? Sure. But we have a feeling his sparkling dating résumé is a result of professional-grade smooth talking, which he whipped out in a new interview with "Details" magazine.

"There's two kinds of men: There are men who are f—ing misogynist pigs, and then there are men who just really love women, who think they're the most amazing people in the world. And that's me," Levine tells the magazine.

▶ If Natalie Portman wasn't safe from this, no one is.

But he's a rock star, so he's not perfect, of course. As for sleeping around, he muses, "Maybe the reason I was promiscuous, and wanted to sleep with a lot of them, is that I love them so much."

Laugh all you want, but when was the last time you turned off the bubblegum noise that is "Moves Like Jagger"? Adam Levine is in our heads, ladies.

How did his garden grow?

When **Michelle Obama** went on "The Daily Show" Tuesday night to promote healthy eating and gardening, host **Jon Stewart** took the opportunity to talk herbs. She good-naturedly declined to give too many details on **President Obama**'s past pot smoking, but did say he stopped when he went to college.

"Like many young people," she said, "he realized he could do more with his life."

But did he realize Pringles were missing peanut butter? Didn't think so.

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▶ Obama

Prince Harry has a job opening

When **Prince William** sat down with **Katie Couric** for an interview, he said what recently married royals in line for the throne are supposed to say: "I'm very keen to have a family, and both **Catherine** and I are looking forward to having a family."

But more surprising is what younger brother **Harry** shared. "I've longed for kids since I was very, very young," said the prince with a reputation for looking hungover on the polo field. "And so I'm just waiting to find the right person, someone who's willing to take on the job."

Harry, we'd like to introduce you to America, where hot girls are willing to take on the job of letting **Donald Trump** touch them. Inquire within.

▶ Prince Harry

Our Badu!

Yesterday we enthused on **Wayne Coyne**'s weirdness hat trick of combining an odd new **Flaming Lips** cover ("The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face"), an unlikely collaborator (**Erykah Badu**) and some nude photos (of Badu, or so we thought!). Although Badu was in a few of the photos that Coyne tweeted, it turns out she wasn't the nude one, as Badu tweeted later in the day, "Those nude photos posted by Wayne (flaming lips) are of the beautiful **Nayrok** my lil sister and bestee. We do look alike. Video looks cosmic."

Talking points

Monaghan has strong words for 'Lost' co-star

There seems to be no love lost between former "Lost" co-stars **Dominic Monaghan** and **Matthew Fox**. When asked by a fan about Fox, who was arrested for driving under the influence earlier this month and was sued for assaulting a bus driver last year, Monaghan bluntly responded, "He beats women. Not isolated incidents. Often." When another fan pointed out that Monaghan was making quite a strong accusation, he responded, "An accusation is when you 'claim' someone did something wrong. I know."

▶ Monaghan

Blake Lively ready to 'Gossip' graduate

Blake Lively is getting ready to say goodbye to "Gossip Girl," the show that made her a star. "I think the best way to describe it is like someone who really enjoyed high school, and is like, I'm a senior and I can't wait for the next thing," she tells Bullett magazine. "As an actor who plays a caricature of myself on the show, I don't think I'd say, 'Watch Gossip Girl for my best quality of work.' But I am very lucky to have had that experience." But shouldn't Lively be worried about how her co-workers might take her remarks, especially with work starting on the show's final season this summer? "I'm not in the business of trying to win the approval of my cast members, my director or my audience," she insists.

▶ Lively

Charlize Theron digs diaper duty

Charlize Theron has been adjusting to parenting in a lot of ways, but that doesn't mean she's toned down her notoriously foul language. "A lot of people have sent me these children's books, and there's this amazing book, a best-seller called 'Go the F— to Sleep,'" Theron tells MTV News. "This book was good for me because it made me realize that I don't need to judge myself right now." One thing she has gotten the hang of, though, is diapers. "I'm available for other babies' diapers to be changed. I can do it in my sleep now. I'm so good."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Lady Gaga is losing it, Bob Newhart is remembering one of the greats, Steven Weber is bursting with ideas and Albert Brooks understands modern audiences.

@ladygaga: There's a bird outside my hotel room that sounds like a boiling teapot! I'm so confused! Keep thinking my Tea is ready then am disappointed!

@BobNewhart: Peter Sellers was probably the best film comedian ever. He was a complicated man haunted by powerful demons but an absolute comic genius.

@TheStevenWeber: I think "Pessimist" would be a good name for a urine-based hydrating spray.

@AlbertBrooks: Working on a new movie script where I'm leaving specific moments for the audience to tweet.

Weber

Doing good, looking just as good

1. On Tuesday, **Nick Jonas** hung out with kids from MTI Broadway JR. Student Program at the seventh annual Shubert Foundation in New York City.

2. Kristen Stewart hit a screening of "Snow White And The Huntsman" on Tuesday night in Los Angeles. You might have a tough time smiling too if your feet went into your shoes at that angle.

3. Remember how we posted a picture of **Alec Baldwin** last week and said sympathetically that nobody ever looks good going to the airport? Well, it looks like **Jessica Alba** must be a faithful Metro reader, and a Metro reader who is out to prove us wrong, at that. She looked stunning yesterday as she headed to Heathrow Airport in London.

4. Hey, if he wants to visit SiriusXM, that's his prerogative. **Bobby Brown** stopped by the NYC satellite radio headquarters on Tuesday.

5. "The Voice" judge and Maroon 5 singer **Adam Levine** shared a moment with "Glee" actor and singer **Matthew Morrison** on Tuesday night when they celebrated the June/July Issue of Details Magazine in Los Angeles.

6. Amanda Palmer is pictured here performing at the 2012 Crossing Brooklyn Ferry Festival at the Brooklyn Academy of Music earlier this month. Sure, that's great and all, but what is really impressive is what Palmer did earlier this week. The singer, who got her start in Boston, managed to hit the $1 million mark for her Kickstarter campaign to fund her new album. You have until midnight to help her rope in even more funds.

7. Angelina Jolie looked quite stately when she met with government ministers ahead of a screening of her movie "In the Land of Blood and Honey" at the Foreign Commonwealth Office in London on Tuesday. Jolie spoke on the Foreign Secretary's initiative on preventing sexual violence.

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Object: To be enchanted

Jessica Lorion returns to Boston to star in a play that meant a lot to her growing up She says playing a feather duster is a bit of comic relief, but also a workout

In her current show, Jessica Lorion's roles have included a French townsperson, a ferocious wolf, a piece of flatware, a napkin and a feather duster.

"I'd never been an inanimate object before this," says Lorion, a cast member in, of course, the "Beauty and the Beast" musical.

She joined the production as part of the ensemble, but recently stepped up to play a French maid-turned-feather duster, Babette, one of the characters known as the "enchanted objects." Fans of the Disney movie will remember Babette for her coquettish French accent and her romance with suave Lumiere, the candelabra.

"She's a really fun character," says Lorion. "Because she's a feather duster, she's constantly shaking — it's a bit of comic relief and also a workout for me."

The creative team responsible for the original adaptation of "Beauty" reunited for this fourth national tour. More than 15 years have passed since the Broadway premiere.

Performing in this musical, in this city, is particularly thrilling for Lorion, who grew up near Boston. She recalls being enchanted by the show.

"My mom happened to know someone involved in the show, and the woman let us come backstage," Lorion says. "I remember seeing Gaston walk by me and being so excited. It's really great coming full circle and coming home to Boston."

JOAN MARCUS

▶ Jessica Lorian, second from right, and the Enchanted Objects star in "Beauty and the Beast." Check out tomorrow's Metro for Nick Dussault's review.

If you go

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Be our guest

Lorion's favorite scene is "Be Our Guest," when the castle servants treat Belle to an elaborate dinner and performance.

"We have tumbling carpets and napkins that do high kicks and jumps," says Lorion, who sings and dances in the number.

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TV watch list

'Breaking Pointe'

REALITY. The grueling lead-up to performance day for the dancers in Salt Lake City's Ballet West company is full of the drama of dedicating one's life to art — but without any "Black Swan"-like breakdowns, in case you were wondering.
Series premiere, 8 p.m., The CW

'Mountain Men'

REALITY. After waking up to a "911" text from your boss at 6 a.m., perhaps the lifestyle of these men, who subsist solely on what they hunt and gather from the land, will be appealing — particularly the "unplugged" aspect of it.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., History Channel

'L.A. Hair'

REALITY. The biggest drama on this show following celebrity hairstylist Kim Kimble doesn't actually come from her clients — her customers include Beyonce and Shakira — but the stylists themselves.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., We tv

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▶ Which dancer will reach her "Breaking Pointe"?

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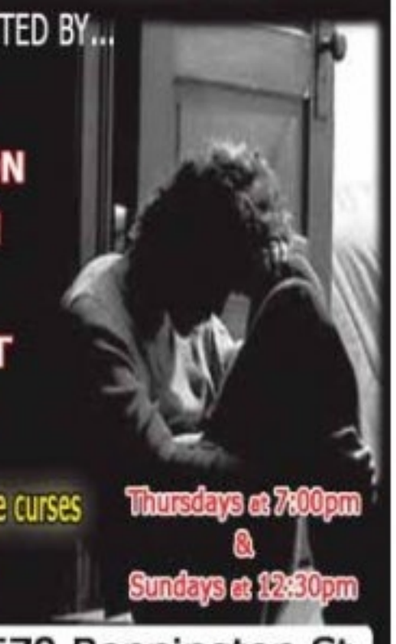

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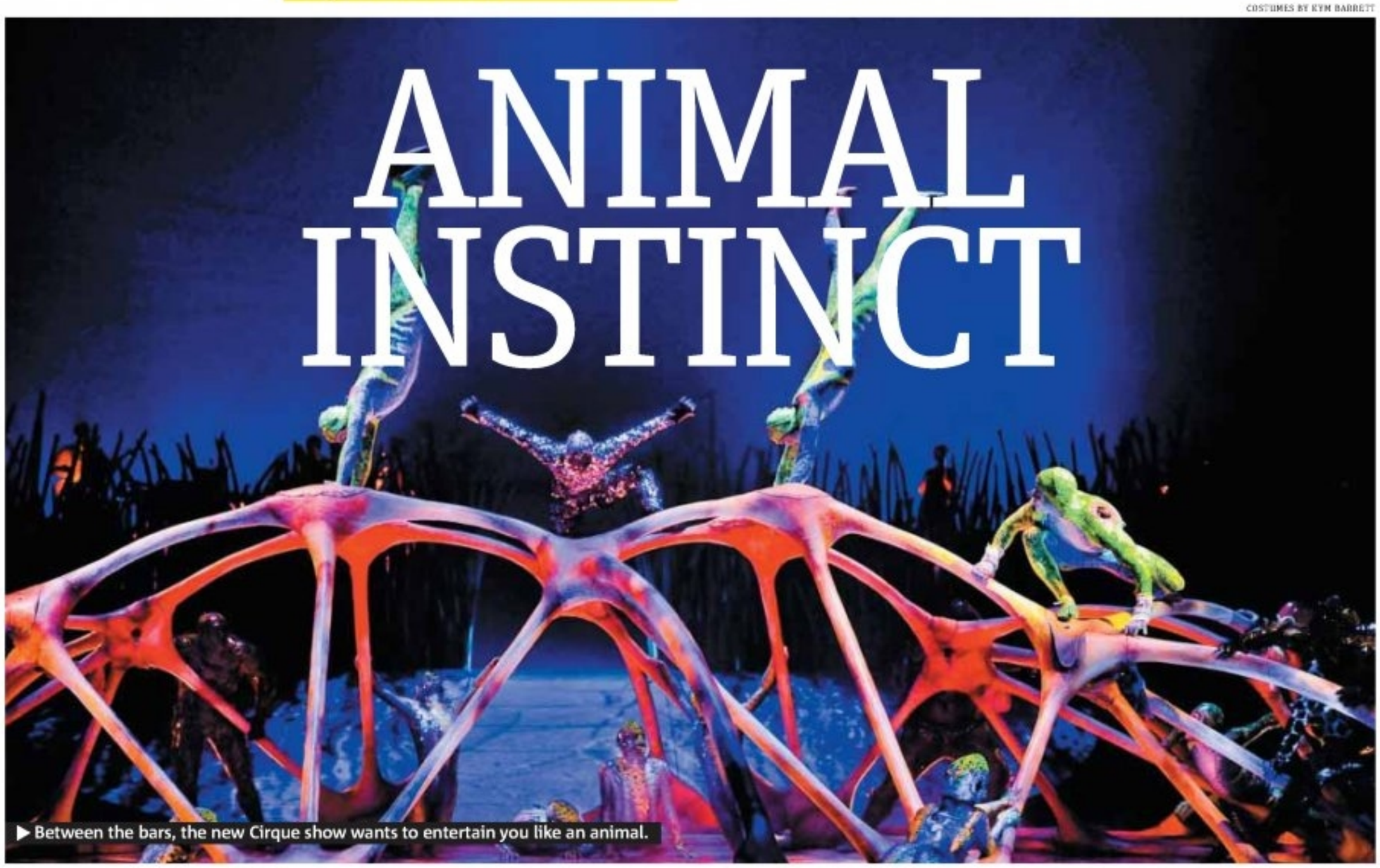

ANIMAL INSTINCT

▶ Between the bars, the new Cirque show wants to entertain you like an animal.

The process

Where do the ideas for Cirque du Soleil come from?

Cirque du Soleil manages to stay fresh with its 21 current productions by working with a variety of directors. Robert Le Page, a world-renowned theater figure from Quebec City who previously developed Cirque's "KÀ" (2004), was selected to develop the vision for "Totem." Cirque then invites a team of about 10 creators — ranging from costume designers to lighting designers to composers — to develop over the course of three years what will eventually be brought to the stage. Then in the final months, artists are brought in to rehearse the show. "Because we work with different people who have different visions," says Jalbert, "We renew ourselves."

'Cirque du Soleil sees the world as a playground,' says official
With 'Totem,' they perform like the world is a zoo How the Montreal institution creates its shows

Since 1984, Cirque du Soleil has brought its unique blend of dramatic circus art and theatrical street art to audiences around the world, without saying a word. Now that the world-renowned company — known as much for its set design, lighting design and costume design as it is for its performers — is exploring the animal spirits that live within all of us in "Totem," the lack of talking makes perfect sense.

"Cirque du Soleil sees the world as a playground," says Cirque publicist Francis Jalbert from the group's base in Montreal. According to Jalbert, Montreal's status as the multicultural crossroads of North America and Europe puts Cirque in the perfect position to bring the best performers and concepts from all over world to the global audience.

"We don't use spoken language so people from all over the world can relate to the performance," he says.

"Totem" is transporting video projections (a world of lava, a waterfall, etc.) and 11 eye-popping performing acts to tell the story of the ancient, unspoken, collective wisdom that lives in all humans — from the beginning of our spiritual and physical beginnings down at the bottom of the evolutionary totem pole to where we are today. Some may say that our current state is one of great chaos, but "Totem" quietly argues that humanity's beauty is actually quite compelling.

Quoted

"We want people to feel their own emotions from what they see and make their own interpretations. ... Make you forget about your own life, and let the emotions come to you."
FRANCIS JALBERT

Some acts fit the central theme more literally than others. In one, a giant turtle skeleton is used as a metaphor for Earth, while inside, daring acrobats use a one-of-a-kind combination of a trampoline and high-bars to reach to the heavens. In another, two performers dressed as birds cavort on a fixed trapeze, using a series of lifts and vertical movements to mimic and explore the nature of aerial beings. Other acts feature characters to represent various parts of us — from the ancient to the modern.

Elsewhere, certain acts challenge the production's concept altogether. Take, for example, the five Chinese teenage girls who ride eight-foot unicycles with one leg, while using their free legs to toss metal bowls to one another. One could say that such balance, grace and synchronicity represent the pinnacle of human achievement. Or it could just be a really nifty circus act.

"We want people to feel their own emotions from what they see and make their own interpretations," says Jalbert. "Make you forget about your own life, and let the emotions come to you."

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10 REASONS TO HEAD TO THE MOVIES THIS WEEKEND

UNIVERSAL PICTURES

▶ She may look dirty, but she's oh so pure. Kristen Stewart stars in "Snow White and the Huntsman."

Must-see

1 'Snow White and the Huntsman'

This year's second revival of the fairy tale about the fairest in the land and her seven little buddies is much grittier than its glossy predecessor, "Mirror Mirror." But with Charlize Theron starring as the terrifying Queen Ravenna and amazing special effects to keep your eyes busy, expect to be dazzled in amazingly creepy ways.

2 'Men in Black 3' Agents J (Will Smith) and K (Tommy Lee Jones) are back in business, keeping alien life forms under control on Earth — that is, until K is mysteriously erased from existence and J must travel to 1969 to find young K (Josh Brolin) before things go awry.

3 'Chernobyl Diaries' Oren Peli, the mind behind the "Paranormal Activity" movies, presents the tale of six Americans on an "extreme tourism" trip to Pripyat, the town that was home to workers at the Chernobyl nuclear reactor. They inevitably find themselves stranded — but not alone.

4 'The Dictator' Sacha Baron Cohen is the juvenile leader of the African nation of Wadiya, who is replaced by a double during a coup in New York City.

5 'Battleship' In this adaptation of the board game, aliens invade from the sea. And if that doesn't float your boat, there's always Rihanna, Taylor Kitsch, Alexander Skarsgard and Brooklyn Decker to stare at.

6 'What to Expect When You're Expecting' Based on the how-to book of the same name, this comedy is packed with marquee names: Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Elizabeth Banks and Brooklyn Decker, again.

7 'Dark Shadows' Tim Burton reimagines the 1960s soap opera in which a vampire from the 1700s awakens in 1972. He seeks out his dysfunctional relatives to restore his recently diminished family name in a small town in Maine.

8 'The Avengers' Sci-fi master-in-chief Joss Whedon directs a bevy of big stars as seven Marvel heroes join forces to conquer the evil Loki.

9 'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel' Retirees travel to Jaipur, India, to live out their golden years.

10 'The Five-Year Engagement' Jason Segel and Emily Blunt dodge obstacles en route to getting hitched.

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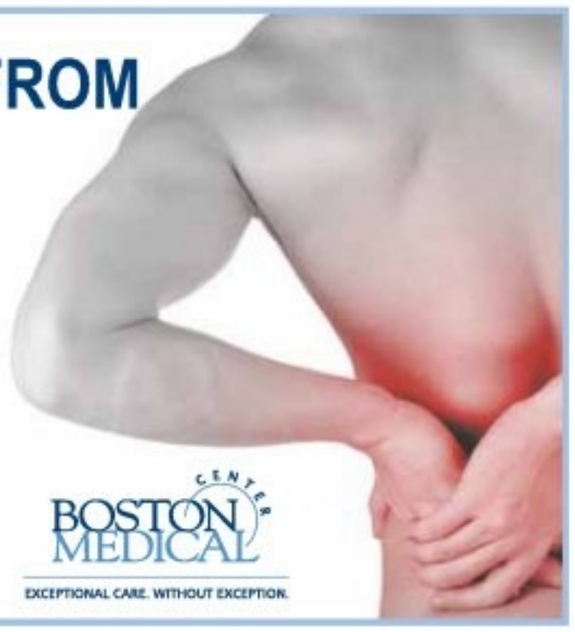

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Worthy of Style Me Pretty

Abby Larson, editor and founder of the stylish wedding website, on making your celebration Pinterest gold Hint: It's all about bringing the 'you' into your big day

"The weddings that stand out have both the bride and groom behind the wheel," says Larson.

They'll never forget eating dessert out of a pink trailer.

"Watercolors are going to be really important," says Larson. "It brings this soft decor detail to your style."

Larson says: "If you can't find a meaningful favor, skip it."

PHOTOS: JOSE VILLA

If you're engaged, your daily routine likely includes logging on to Style Me Pretty about five times a day and pinning your favorite shots to your painstakingly curated Pinterest boards in hopes of creating the most gorgeous, talked-about affair — which will hopefully one day appear on the site and be the source of some other bride-to-be's obsession.

We talked to Abby Larson, founder and editor of the immensely popular wedding site, for tips on making your big day as swoon-worthy as the ones she features.

These days, decor is almost as important as a bride's look. What is the new striped paper straw craze of the wedding world?

The biggest thing is that people are really taking trends and are putting their own unique style on them. Using really interesting prints in your wedding day decor is really big right now, so it's not just all one-note colors.

I'm also seeing a lot of ombre, which is the fading of light to dark in color. We're seeing it a lot in wedding cakes with the top tier being a lighter shade and going all the way into a darker pink or a darker blue. But the best is ombre bridesmaids dresses. The bride gives each bridesmaid a little color swatch, and they choose a gown; when the girls come together, they have this beautiful spectrum of colors.

Think back to some of your favorite weddings. What are ideas or tips you discovered from them?

My favorite weddings of all time all have a very layered, textural approach to design. All the brides and grooms and the designers they chose to help them, if they did, approach their wedding style like they would their home decor. They brought in pieces, moments, ideas and colors that they really love and they wove them together to create a more intimate experience for their guests. I also really love the weddings of the couples who don't take themselves too seriously. Everyone should have a little bit of a smile at the wedding. It could be as simple as a hand-written note from the bride and groom thanking everyone for coming or it could be milk and cookies at the end of the night.

What are the coolest favors you have seen?

The best favors are the ones that really mean something and reflect who you are as a couple. I love when couples give small potted plants or succulents with a note telling people "Go home and start a garden and spread the love." A CD is always a great idea or replanting an herb with a favorite family recipe. If you can't find a meaningful favor, skip it.

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Abby's Boston picks

- The Graziers (photo)
- Sarah True (design)
- Paper Moss (invitations)

Etsy weddings and registry

Scrolling through Etsy for the right shade of pink paper flowers for your reception just got easier. The online marketplace recently underwent a redesign. Now on **Etsy.com/wedding** you can shop for the big day, find out about trends, read how-tos and get inspiration from real couples showcasing their unique weddings. Even better: Skip the big-box stores and register on the site, too. With Etsy's new registry, your home, like your wedding, will be 100 percent you.

Three wedding trends from Etsy

1. Bunting: LOVE Prop, $10, www.5280bliss.etsy.com
2. Personalized cake toppers: Cake bunting, $16, www.bluebirdandviolet.etsy.com
3. Alternative bouquets: Vintage Bible Book Bouquet, $145, www.jaymamalme.etsy.com

MVP tips from Larson

According to Larson, hiring a wedding planner might be the best decision you can make after saying "yes."

- "If I were to narrow it down to one tip I would give brides forever, it would be: Hire a wedding planner. They have long-standing relationships with vendors so they can get better deals for you. They know the best person to get things like ribbon and to rent your table linens and the person who does the best cupcakes. That information may not be online; it may be more privy to those who are in the industry."
- "If you can't afford a wedding planner, at least bring on a day-of person who you meet with three or four times prior to the event so that they really know what's going on and what your goals are."

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Forget this not

IT'S ALL ABOUT PERSONAL TOUCHES

- "DIY is still very important. So weddings — whether they are half-a-million-dollar affairs or $5,000 backyard weddings — are all having this sense of that personal touch. Ultimately, that's what sets weddings apart on SMP — knowing that there's a person behind this design, no matter what the budget is."
- "One of the big trends right now is to reinfuse the 'you' back into your design. Couples are becoming more comfortable with bucking tradition and doing things their way. You're seeing a lot less cookie-cutter weddings."
- "The bride is still the dominant player, but the weddings that really stand out have both the bride and the groom behind the wheel."

THE BEST PHOTOS

- "You have to understand the kind of photography that you like and choose the photographer that meshes with that. It's important that both of you know what you're expecting from each other. If you want to get your wedding published, make sure they get all those detail shots."
- "Also, try really hard to relax. No one has a camera following them around all day except on their wedding, so it can be unnerving. One way is to invite the photographer to get to know you a little bit before the big day. An engagement session is a great way for you to feel comfortable around the camera."

WEDDING MAGIC

Two experts offer advice to make sure your big day is exactly how you envision it Because you need to spend the night shaking it on the dance floor rather than stressing about the appetizers

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Tips from an event designer

Matthew Robbins

Creative Director of Matthew Robbins Design, a contributing editor for Martha Stewart Weddings and author of the new book "Matthew Robbins' Inspired Weddings"

Where should couples start when planning the design of their big day?
The best place to start is to choose a season. This will dictate the choice of venue and your color palette. If you want an outdoor wedding or a reception in an old barn, you will go with warmer months like June through September. If a ballroom is your dream, you have more options for time of year.

What are some wallet-friendly design tips?
Choose a strong color palette and use this to carry your design ideas throughout the wedding. If you are going for blush, lilac and pewter gray, for example, give your bridesmaids a great pewter-toned dress and have each one carry a single bloom in a blush tone, such as a lovely pink hydrangea tied with a floppy silk ribbon. Fill your dinner tables with candles and accent with flowers rather than the standard, which is lots of flowers and candles to accent.

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What do you think is tacky?
Avoid colorful lights in your dining room. I always try to go for a warm white with a touch of amber. Keep your table linens elegant, but not over the top. Your tables aren't being dressed for a prom date, so they don't need layer upon layer — and the chairs don't need bows! Stay away from chair covers unless they really fit. Also, stay away from the towering ball of flowers for your centerpieces. This is tired, and you can come up with something much more original.

Foolproof design tricks

- **Always choose more than two colors or tones for your color palette.** This will create a more unique, custom look and feel for your party.
- **Keep the lights dim!** Even if you don't have the budget for over-the-top event lighting, choose a venue with decent in-house lights — but confirm they are all on a dimmer. Keep the lights at 50 percent for dinner and load up on candles. This always creates a dreamy, ambient space, and everyone will look great in this light.
- **A beautiful table creates the perfect welcome for guests.** Embellish the napkins with a single bloom or herbs such as a sprig of rosemary. Place a lovely votive on top of each menu. Create defined paths with lanterns filled with candles.

Tips from a caterer

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Jennifer Sohan

Director of catering and events at Benares in New York www.benaresnyc.com

How can couples find a good caterer?
You definitely want to go with someone who has been referred to you, someone who has done events for a friend or family member. Also, find out who has catered events at venues that you're interested in and meet with them. Venues have a list of vendors who have worked there in the past.

What should they look for in a caterer?
First, make sure you like the food. The caterer should be flexible; they should be able to provide you with various options and to show you pictures of past events. You shouldn't just go by what they say— you should see it firsthand. Ask: "Can I come to your next event?" Most caterers should be able to get you into an event for a short visit. This way you see what they are capable of pulling off and if it's what you're expecting. Also, make sure whoever you work with will be onsite during your event.

How can couples cut costs?
One great way is to ask if you can provide your own liquor, because then you control how much money you spend on the bar. Another great way is to have a specialty cocktail instead of a full bar. As far as food, passed hors d'oeuvres are more cost effective than stations. Stations have to always be full, and you end up throwing away a lot at the end of the night.

What are your thoughts on buffet vs. sit-down?
Both are great for different reasons. A sit-down is more elegant, but a buffet allows you to have more time on the dance floor and more options. So it depends on what kind of feel you want for your party.

What's the best way to ensure your food will taste great?
Do a tasting. Make sure you give your caterer detailed notes from your final tasting. If you have any special changes or requests, make sure that your caterer understands them.

Pro tip

- Do a walk-through close to the day of your event with your cater and your wedding planner or coordinator.

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▶ *RW, since April 13th we have been making our history together. Every day I fall deeper in LOVE with you Babe! XO LG*

▶ ***My Joey, I love you, but is love enough? We deserve happiness, together...forever. Te quiero mucho tu sabes Jill***

▶ *Jason, babes, we almost made it to a year. You opened my heart and I'll always love you. Work with me and let's have everything we ever talked about: Home, Puppies, Kids, Forever.*

▶ ***Words can't describe how much we've grown over these past few years. I'm glad that the three of us have become a family and I'm proud to call you my wife. I love you Anyae***

Lessons in depravity

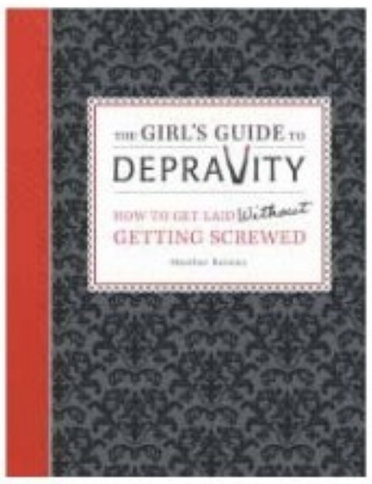
Author Heather Rutman's new book suggests that the only way for a single city girl to survive in the dating world is to make sure she gets hers, by whatever means necessary

▶ Rutman

Any single girl can tell you that love is indeed a battlefield in the modern urban environment. The old dating playbook that recommends playing hard to get has become more tried than true. Men won't engage in the chase when there are so many other women willing to be a plaything. So what's a girl to do?

After getting dumped one time too many, former nice-girl Heather Rutman decided to change her ways. With her new book, "The Girl's Guide to Depravity," the Los Angeles native advises women to get tough, get gutsy and above all, don't be afraid to get dirty.

"Even if we tried to play by those rules, we still got f—ed over in the end," she says of traditional dating rules. "So you know what? Screw it. We're just going to play by our own rules, and we're not going to deny ourselves all these impulses that we have to have sex with a guy on the first date or to ask him out first. You could wait 10 dates to have sex with a guy and he could ditch you on date 9, so you might as well have sex with him on the first date because he's still going to probably ditch you eventually, but at least you'll have gotten laid."



A pessimistic point of view? Sure. Rutman's advice includes a guide for key medications a depraved girl needs (like Xanax, Ritalin and the ever-important Viagra). Her favorite chapters include those entitled "The Best Way to Get Over a Guy is to Get Under Another One" and "Flake on Him Before He Flakes on You."

She freely admits that her book offers a highly cynical and somewhat tongue-in-cheek perspective on dating, but she also alludes to what can come along when you're busy having fun.

"I think I'd be lying if I said that every woman doesn't want to find love in the end, but I think there's a lot to be said for [the idea that] when you stop looking for it, it happens," she says. "You can agonize over it and drive yourself crazy trying to find the right guy, or you can have fun and just kind of see what happens. I think you eventually get the same result."

Q&A

Why don't traditional dating rules apply anymore?

▶ "It's not a woman's goal to find a stable provider who is going to be a good father. I think they're looking for a soulmate or someone to have as a partner in crime, and that's not always the most stable, mature person. It's this person with whom you have this passionate, fun connection with. That means they could be an unemployed musician or kind of an alcoholic."

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Political discourse has gotten nasty

RE: "WAR IS THE BEST WAY TO SPREAD PEACE?": Did Mr. Charles Michael Couch just call the presidential candidate an idiot? Or did he inadvertently introduce himself in the middle of a sentence? One thing is to legitimately criticize Mitt Romney's record as a businessman, governor or manager of the Olympics — or, for that matter, Barack Obama's record as the U.S. president or a member of the U.S. Senate. But it's quite a different thing to merely throw around verbal insults, especially totally unsubstantiated ones. It should be clear even to Mr. Couch that wanting a strong America and wanting to go to war are two quite different things — some might argue two opposite things. Beyond that, does Metro have any standards at all, just so that the discussion on these pages is kept to some civilized norms? I'm pretty sure the president himself would strongly disapprove such a language from one of his apparent supporters. Emotions running high and freedom of speech give no excuse for such an offensive tone. **GAROLD MINKIN, VIA E-MAIL**

Conservative stuffed-shirt George Will finally said something I agree with after all these years when he pronounced Donald Trump a "bloviating ignoramus" on "This Week." However, Will ought to be careful using such terms: It could be said of him that it takes one to know one. **JEFF D DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Open season on Donald Trump?

It wasn't in the paper today but still bears comment: Donald Trump is at it again with his "birther" trash, people are believing it, and Romney is accepting Trump's money. It's scary. What kind of country is this place turning into, when lies are spread by those who have far more money than they need and believed by those who don't have enough? This is not the American dream. It is a nightmare. **PAUL SIMONS, VIA E-MAIL**

Now the Obama campaign is hitting Romney with Trump's "birther" claims! This is great! If Obama's people can go after Romney's association with Trump over the "birther" issue can the Republicans bring up all the bombers, communists, socialists and America-hating black racists Obama has been associated with in the past? **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

Individual rights are all we've got

RE: "DISCRIMINATION OF SINGLES UNHEALTHY": I could not agree more with Hans Haugen. There is no such thing as women's rights, black rights, gay rights or any other type of group rights. There are only individual rights. Group rights promote a perverse theory that our rights are granted to us by the state. Rights are gifts from our creator; or, in the more secular view, rights come from our humanity. These rights, as John Locke observed, include life, liberty and property and the right to defend all three. The support for individual rights is far superior in all ways to the view that condones the use of government coercion to enforce a perverted view of liberty. **KELLY DONNOE, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Be selective with whom you associate and what activities you engage in. Your enjoyment of your day will be derived from quality, not quantity.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Make every effort to resolve any family differences as soon as possible. Unsettled disputes may be difficult to resolve, but they'll be even more so as time wears on.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** You could be overwhelmed by praise regarding something you accomplished. The accolades will be sincere appreciations of your unusual feat.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** The reason why so many things are coming your way at this time is because you innately understood one of the world's best secrets: In order to get, you must first give.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** The reason you'll be able to succeed where others are failing is because you will not get discouraged if things don't immediately go your way. Never be afraid to try, try again.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If and when you choose to apply yourself, you can easily manage your financial or commercial matters with considerable skill. Instead of handing the reins to another, give it a go on your own.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Friends or associates will be looking to you to take charge of a matter that affects all of you. You won't want to let them down -- so be sure to step up.

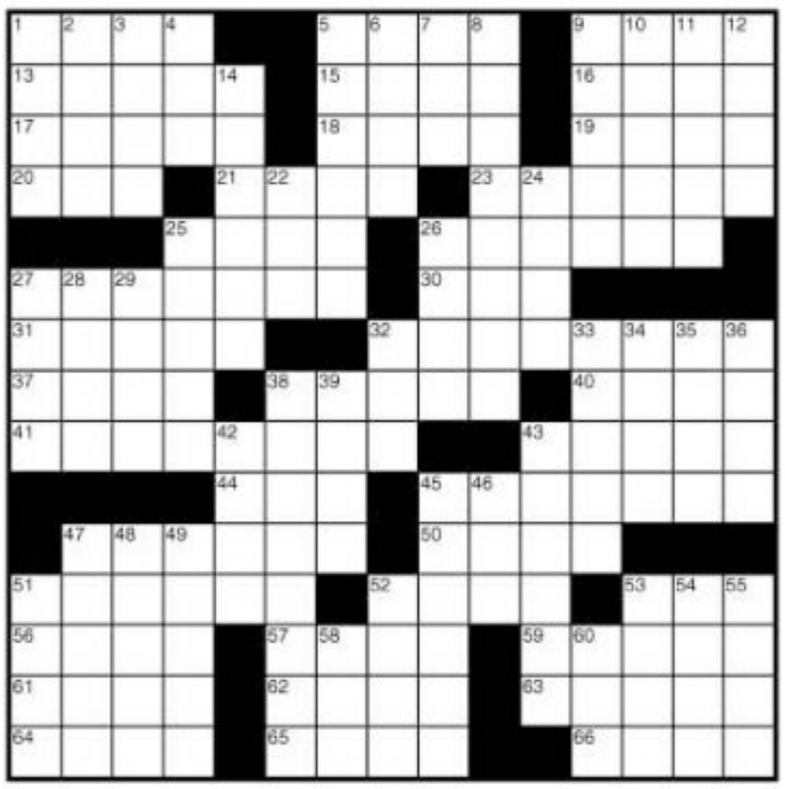
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although the general drift of things might initially look to be going against you, don't give up too quickly. Chances are events will change in your favor.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Doing everything all by yourself could grow increasingly untenable as your day progresses. Try to find an amicable companion with whom you can share both your time and interests.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Make as many adjustments as you want to all situations that haven't been running smoothly lately. Conditions can always be altered to produce what you'd like.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Draw upon previously successful techniques regarding a partnership matter, and you should come out ahead. Past knowledge can be a helpful guide in facing the present.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Responsibilities you're dodging because you believe them to be a lot of work aren't likely to dissipate with time. The sooner you get them over with, the fewer headaches they'll give you. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Nosh On

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This spring, al fresco dining is boosted by plentiful sunny, warm — even hot — days and balmy evenings, without the high humidity of summer. Perfect.

One is urban, one suburban, but **AKA Bistro** in lovely, leafy Lincoln and **Church**, situated on a quiet Fenway backwater, have much in common. Each has a spacious permanent terrace rather than tables crammed onto heavily trafficked sidewalks. A lawn with sculptures and tall American oaks borders AKA's; Church's wide area is tucked away from Boylston Street's hustle — even on game night.

Each has an adventurous chef who's also tuned to local, sustainable food culture. AKA's chef Chris Chung pairs French and Japanese cuisines and includes a classic cabillaud; that is, roast cod with a robust stew of clams, ham, fingerling potatoes and buttery leeks. Church's chef, Jon Gilman, bakes halibut New England style, with a Panko crust, and pairs it with roasted red bliss potatoes, garlic, spinach, and a mustardy sauce.

Spring rhubarb shows up with strawberries in a simple pastry case at Church, while AKA pairs the tart vegetable with a seasonal soft-shell crab tempura with black garlic vinaigrette. Pretty, pale, purple chive blossoms dot AKA's crab plate, and Gilman sprinkles some around the baked halibut.

The halibut, Church's Market Catch, comes from Trace and Trust, a national initiative supporting local fish stocks and fisherman by pairing boat captains directly with chefs to provide an accountable, sustainable true catch of the day (www.traceandtrust.com). Similarly, or not, AKA's rhubarb has long roots in Lincoln soil. It's grown by a local farmer from the same rootstock as the grower's great grandmother.

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Metro chews the fat with Fat Creeps ◐ North Shore surf-goth trio denies riding anyone's wave

THOMAS MCCAUL

▶ Fat Creeps don't seem fat or creepy. They are, from left, Jim Leonard, Gracie Jackson and Mariam Saleh.

In today's hyperspeed hype machine, it seems a band is barely out of the practice room before some blogger has pigeon-holed them. Case in point: the North Shore-based band Fat Creeps, who, only nine months into their existence, are already being accused of trying to cop the naive, flat-voiced, retro style of such bands as Best Coast and the Vivian Girls.

"They think we don't understand our roots; that we're just listening to Best Coast, and writing off of that," says guitarist Gracie Jackson.

While they'd certainly appeal to fans of those two female-fronted bands, Fat Creeps — which also includes bassist Mariam Saleh and drummer Jim Leonard — have a sound distinct enough to make such taunts unfounded, with a darker, more minor-key vibe mixing goth bleakness with surf rock cool, and ghostly harmonies that aren't afraid to veer into atonal territory.

"It's like Indian music, that background drone," says Jackson of the harmonies. "If you can bring that forward and make it vocal, it sounds so cool."

The Creeps take the comparisons with a grain of salt. In fact, they don't think too hard about their image or sound, preferring to go with what comes naturally.

"It just flows," says Saleh, reluctant to cite influences.

Rather than agonize over details in practice, the band goes with what works on stage.

"We developed our sound by playing shows," says Jackson. "It's fun to see people in the audience having a good time and digging it," Saleh adds. "It's definitely motivational."

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Creepy polyphony

Fat Creeps' most distinctive feature is their harmonizing. For Jackson, harmonies were obvious: "If you have two chick voices that are good, you should do harmonies. With a trio, you're kind of limited. You've got to do something to keep it interesting, and harmonies help that a lot."

For instruction, she listened to girl group pop, which she describes as "Harmonies for Dummies." The vocal chemistry between Jackson and Saleh is reflected in their collaborative process as well. We asked them which classical songwriting duo they most resemble, and the decision was unanimous: "Beavis and Butt-Head."

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WHEN THE GOGOL GETS TOUGH

Bordello frontman Eugene Hutz on his global approach to music and why he has no interest in moving back to Europe

▶ Hutz, center, with his colorful gang of musicians that make up Gogol Bordello.

Gypsy punk from the Lower East Side of Manhattan might sound like a pretentious gimmick to catch the attention of weary, worn-out hipsters. But Gogol Bordello is as true as a ragtag group of musicians from around the globe can be.

Ukranian refugee Eugene Hutz embodies the spirit of gypsy music, as the raucous lead singer has led the way into otherwise uncharted musical waters with his band's high-powered music and theatrical live performance.

"I was never involved with anything but music," says Hutz. "Even back in Ukraine, that was my life."

And that life certainly was colorful. Hutz says it was during his formative years there that he learned to stay true to his own musical interests.

"The music scene in Eastern Europe mutates every day — people don't really follow aesthetics too much," he says. "They just play disco… followed by punk. That's the Third World."

A disconnected scene might just be part of why Hutz never wanted to return, beyond the sidenote that he endured a seven-year trek through Eastern European refugee camps

"I never thought about moving back to Europe," he says. "What am I, f—ing nuts?"

Quoted

"Hey man, I've traveled the whole world — of course, I have about 40 favorite cities."
HUTZ

Fast-forward a couple of decades, and you'd never know that Hutz had a difficult past. His almost comedically enthusiastic foreign accent is complemented by a group of musicians from Israel, Russia and Ethiopia, among other nations. That's not to say that Hutz plays favorites.

"Hey man, I've traveled the whole world — of course, I have about 40 favorite cities."

Regardless of where this mustachioed man is — he's currently been living in Brazil — Gogol Bordello continues to flow on.

"Music for Gogol Bordello is like a river, it doesn't take too many turns. It just absorbs everything, but stays its course."

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Hutz's creative package

Eugene Hutz made his film debut in 2005, co-starring in indie drama "Everything is Illuminated."

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▶ Hutz, in "Everything is Illuminated"

"I'm a creative person, so I enjoy many ways of creativity. I don't approach it from an academic point of view — here I'm going to be an actor, here I'm going to be a musician — it's all part of the same thing of who I am."

Hutz says he encourages other artists to follow this sort of path.

"I look at [music] as my personal evolution — and everybody who enjoys it comes along."

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Kid Rock

Friday, 8 p.m.
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Kid Rock has done a lot of stuff both on and off stage since his breakthrough rap-rock album, "Devil Without a Cause," but can he ever really top it? We're not saying that because we don't think he's talented, but because the highest form of pop music is a song whose hook is pure nonsense, and it doesn't get more nonsense than "Bawitdaba-ti-bang-ti-bang-ditty-ditty"— you know the rest.

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▶ Kid Rock

The Prefab Messiahs

Wednesday, 10 p.m.
Middlesex Lounge
315 Mass. Ave., Cambridge

This Worcester band, preaching "peace, love and alienation," infused new wave with psychedelia in the early '80s, several years before "paisley underground" groups like the Three O'Clock made it hip to do the same thing. This is their first show in far too long. They're joined by recently rediscovered psych-pop genius Bobb Trimble, a fellow "Worm-town" denizen.

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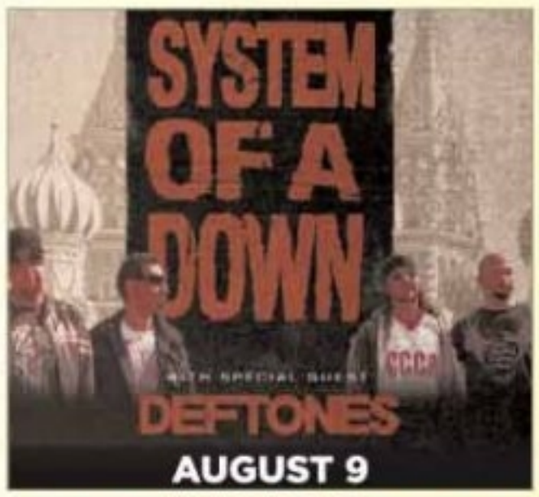

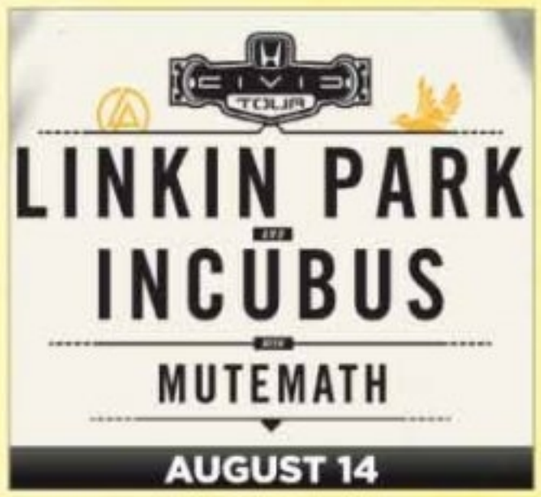

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In the news

Sorry, Pat
Michael Jordan personally told former rival Patrick Ewing yesterday that he would not be the next coach of Jordan's Bobcats. Brian Shaw and Jerry Sloan are still in the mix for the job.

Game 3: Friday at Boston, 8:30 p.m. ESPN

Close, but no cigar

Boston with a fabulous effort throughout but C's ultimately come up short Celtics get to halftime with 53-46 lead Heat come away with 115-111 victory Rondo with 44 points

Three things we learned in Game 2 Wednesday night in Miami as the Heat took a 2-0 series lead with a thrilling 115-111 victory over the Celtics.

1 OT IN THE ECF
Dwyane Wade hit an and-1 bucket in the lane, over Kevin Garnett, with 59.7 seconds left in the overtime to give Miami a 110-105 lead. The Celtics were unable to get a quality look on the other end and Miami slammed the door shut on Boston's hopes of grabbing one of the first two in Miami.

In overtime, Rajon Rondo continued his hot shooting with big-time 3-pointers early and late in the session.

Ray Allen hit a three pointer to tie the game at 99 in regulation. The Celtics blew a five-point lead in the closing minutes of the fourth, but came back to tie things up with under a minute to play. With the last shot in regulation, LeBron James bricked a jumper.

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▶ Rajon Rondo gets to the rim last night in Game 2.

Big response

The Celtics opened up Game 2 with perhaps their finest half of the 2012 postseason.

- **Rajon Rondo** was superb in the the first half with Rajon Rondo posting 22 points on 7-of-11 shooting from the floor.
- **Ray Allen** looked healthier in the first half as well, recording seven points on 3-of-4 shooting in 17 minutes.
- **The Celtics** defense held Dwyane Wade to just two points on 1-of-6 shooting in the first half.

2 SETTING THE TONE
It's amazing what a hot start can do for the rest of the game. After a dismal 11-point first quarter in Game 1, the Celtics came out looking like a different team in Game 2, scoring 24 points and holding an eight-point lead. As it turned out, it was a sign of things to come for a Boston team that ended up with over 100 points in the game. The 70-90 point games may have earned them wins against Atlanta and Philadelphia, but it won't get them anywhere against the Heat. The pace they showed in Game 2 will have too keep up in the series.

3 ALL RONDO ALL THE TIME
It was one of those games for Rondo where you say, "Why can't he do this all the time?" Well, it's simple really: Nobody can give you over 40 points, 10 assists, and crazy rebounds in 50-plus minutes on a nightly basis. Rondo put in one of the best postseason performances of his career, but it was how he scored the points that should matter more.

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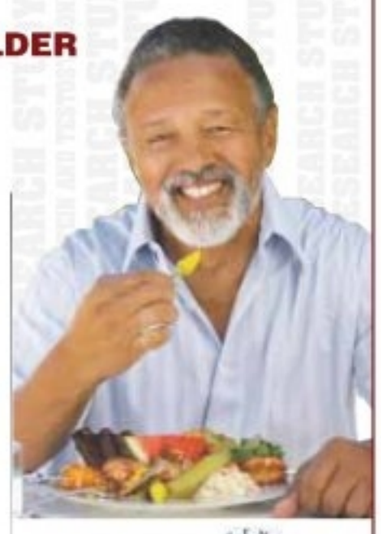

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▶ Heat head coach Erik Spoelstra has been on the hot seat seemingly since Day 1 in Miami.

Doc once a lot like Spoelstra

Doc Rivers hasn't always been considered one of the best coaches in the NBA.

He was first fired from the Orlando Magic in 2003 and seemed to be halfway out the door when the Celtics were struggling prior to the Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen trades.

He was unproven; a former player turned coach that may or may not have had what it takes to be a successful head man. But Rivers still had something going for him: the lessons learned from Pat Riley while playing under him in New York.

As coach of the Knicks, Riley stressed one thing more than anything else: defense. Sound familiar? Rivers, once he was given capable players, showed that he too could build a team based on team defense. Like Riley in New York, it might not always have been pretty, but it worked.

Five seasons after the big trades, Rivers has made five postseason appearances, winning a championship, taking one other trip to the NBA Finals, and two more to at least the semis. He's controlled his superstars and worked at seamlessly integrating role players into the mix.

Woe is Spoe

When Rivers looks down the other end of the court at Heat coach Erik Spoelstra, he might see someone in somewhat of a similar situation.

No, Spoelstra never played in the NBA, but he too is now coaching a team with three superstar talents in LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, and Chris Bosh. He's also coaching under the same man Rivers played under in Riley. Spoelstra was an assistant coach under Riley for years, named Riley's successor as head coach prior to the 2008-09 season.

Spoelstra's first few seasons as head coach have come under much scrutiny, like Rivers' first few. When Doc got his players, he wasted no time making the most of them.

The clock is ticking for Spoelstra, who hopes to one day soon be able to say the same.

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The Cold, Hard football facts

A look at the NFL offseason through the eyes of the stat experts at ColdHardFootballFacts.com:

NFL struggles at the gate

Fans love to watch football at home: huge HDTVs, with DVR, NFL RedZone, their laptop open following their fantasy team and access to their own food, beer and bathrooms. TV ratings are better than ever. With so many home comforts, NFL live attendance has struggled in recent years. Commissioner Roger Goodell acknowledged the problem this month during the NFL's spring meetings, suggesting teams install Wi-Fi at all arenas. Paid NFL attendance topped 17 million for the first time in the 2004 season and peaked in 2006 and 2007. Attendance this past season was 17,124, 16,569,513 in 2010.

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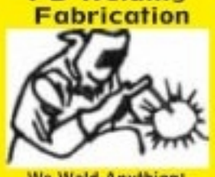

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